

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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92. 11. (amended) A maraging steel having high fatigue strength, consisting essentially, by mass, of not more than 0.008% C, from 0 inclusive but not more than 1.0% Si, from 0 inclusive but not more than 2.0% Mn, not more than 0.010% P, not more than 0.005% S, 12 to 22% Ni, 3.0 to 7.0% Mo, less than 7.0% Co, not more than 0.05% Ti, not less than 0.06% and not more than 2.0% Al, less than 0.005% N (nitrogen), not more than 0.003% O, and the balance substantially Fe, a total amount of $(3\text{Si} + 1.8\text{Mn} + \text{Co}/3 + \text{Mo} + 2.6\text{Ti} + 4\text{Al})$ being in a range of 8.0 to 13.0%.

Please add the following new claims:

93. 21. (new) A maraging steel strip made by use of a maraging steel according to claim 11, comprising a nitride layer formed on a surface portion of said maraging steel, and compressive residual stress in said surface portion.

22. (new) A maraging steel having high fatigue strength according to claim 1, wherein the amount of Co is not less than 3.2%.

23. (new) A maraging steel having high fatigue strength according to claim 11, wherein the amount of Co is not less than 3.2%.